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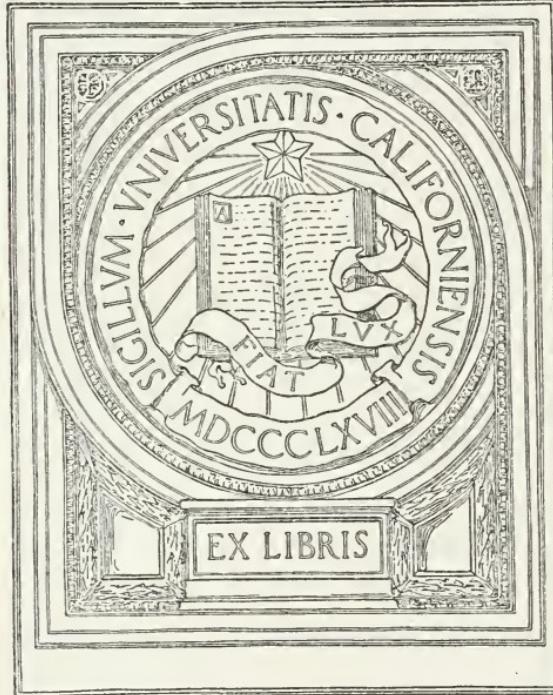
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To darling Jessie.
Oct 9th 1903.

THE COMIC " BIRTHDAY BOOK.



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Nonsense is the straw that tickles

JANUARY.

humanity the wide world over.
Thomas B. Reid.

1st.

2nd.

3rd.

4th.

5th.

6th.

7th.

8th.

9th.

10th.



A prudent man is like a pin—his head prevents him from going too far.

Douglas Jerrold.

We don't all of us do what we ought, does us?

Dickens.

11th.

12th.

No doubt she's attractive,

Yet pray take advice:

Don't choose

just this way

Of breaking

the ice.



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Why, what's the matter?
That you have such a January face,
So full of frost, of storm, and cloudiness?

13th.

15th.

17th.

19th.

21st.

14th.

16th.

18th.

20th.

22nd.

A direction-post always pointing out the road
to virtue, and never going there himself.

Dickens.



The person who can least spare it, is often
most willing to give others a piece of his mind.

23rd.

24th.

25th.

26th.

27th.

28th.

29th.

30th.

31st.



Now parties entertain the small,
And balls delight the great ;
Go when you will, to one, to all,
But don't mistake the date.

Now is the winter of our deep disgust
Made glorious deluge by the pipes that "burst";
Then gaily to the rescue plumbers come,
After much waiting, and proceed to "plumb."



A good offer should
never be refused unless

FEBRUARY. we have a better one
at the same time.
Disraeli.

1st.

2nd.

3rd.

4th.

5th.

6th.

7th.

8th.

9th.

10th.

The bride is given away.
The bridegroom often regularly sold.

I only ask that fortune send
A little more than I shall spend.

11th.

13th.

15th.

12th.

14th.

16th.

17th.

18th.

19th.

M. J. Perry, 1843.^{20th.}



If you court a young woman, and you
are won, and she is won, you will both be one.

Artemus Ward.

Of mighty fish in search,
The angler waxes bold,
And finds a most unpleasant "perch,"
And catches—such a cold.



21st.

22nd.

23rd.

24th.

26th.

27th.

28th.

29th.

We never see ourselves—never do, and never
did—and I suppose we never shall.
Mrs. Nickleby.

We shall ne'er be
content until each

MARCH.

man makes
his own weather.
Jerome.

1st.

2nd.

3rd.

4th.

5th.

6th.

7th.

8th.

9th.

10th.

Don't put too fine a point to your wit, for fear
it should be blunted.

Cervantes.

Whene'er another's



hat ascends,
With other laughs
Our laughter blends;
But when we lose our own,
Our best,
We somehow fail
To see the jest.



There are two kinds of women: One kind brings in a tract when you are ill, and the other kind brings a bowl of hot soup.



11th.



12th.

13th.



17th.

14th.

15th.

16th.

18th.

19th.

20th.

Spring delights are now returning.

21st.

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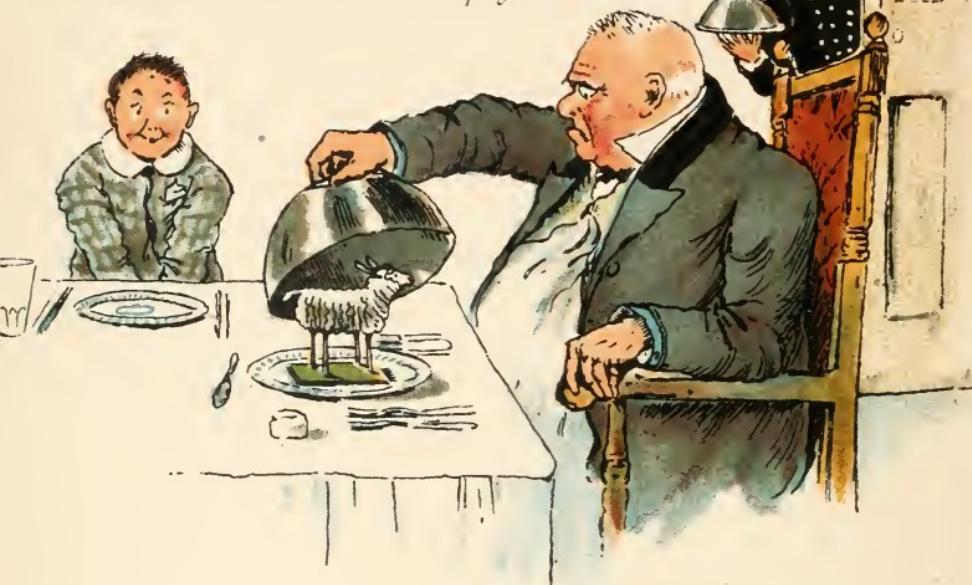
30th.

31st.

No ill-luck stirring but what
lights o' my shoulders.
Merchant of Venice.



To Fools is given up April First,
To do their wittiest, and their worst,
And play on unoffending folks
Almost lamb-on-table kinds of jokes.



A mornin'
in April;

APRIL.

all sunshine
or all clouds.
Sam Slick.

1st.

2nd.

3rd

4th.

None on us knows what we can do
till we tries.

Mrs. Gamp.

5th.

6th.

7th.

8th.

9th.

10th.

11th.

12th.

13th.

14th.

15th.

Nature is sweet in all her moods.
Jerome.



16th.

17th.



18th.

19th.

20th.

21st

22nd.

23rd.

24th.

25th.

26th.

Very often a man doesn't know what he "Mrs."
until it is too late.

A. Ward.

27th.

28th.

29th.

30th.

Now lily-bells
begin to peer,

MAY.

They have not done
so for a year.

1st.

2nd.

3rd.

4th.

5th.

6th.



Between March winds, April showers, and the entire absence of May flowers, Spring is not a success.

Jerome.

7th.

9th.

11th.

13th.

15th.

8th.

10th.

12th.

14th.

16th.

My principle is, if a man smites me on the right cheek, I'll turn my left to him, pro'bly.

A. Ward.

But it's a queer world, oh ! it's a queer world.
Nicholas Nickleby.

*All is not
fish that comes
to the net.*

To bee or not to be?—

That is the question.



A joke is a very good thing, . . but when that
joke is made at the expense of feelings, I set my
face against it.

Nicholas Nickleby.

17th.

18th.

19th.

20th.

21st.

22nd.

23rd.

24th.

25th.

26th.

There's nothing half so sweet in
life as love's young dream.



Once I wooed sweet Mistress May,
Sought her on her festal day,
But with sorrow did I find
To my *suit* she was unkind.

27th.



28th.

29th.

30th.

31st.

The sun that we've
so long desired,
Free from his overcoat
of clouds,

JUNE.

And in his Summer
suit attired,
Accepts the praise of
grateful crowds.

1st.

2nd.

3rd.

4th.

5th.



Fielding one day at cricket,
I was weary and ill at ease,
For a dog had wandered idly
And managed the ball to seize.

Vidth and Visdom, Sammy, always grows together.
Mr. Weller, senior.

6th.

7th.

8th.

9th.

10th.

11th.

12th.

13th.

14th.

15th.

16th.

Every man is the architect of his own fortune.
And it's lucky for the most of us that there's no
building inspector about.

Bill Nye.

17th.

18th.

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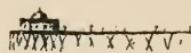
26th.



Ready to take the burden of everything
himself, and put it on the backs of other
people.

A contented mind is happy anywhere; so is a
Jerusalem pony.

Jerome.



27th.

28th.

29th.

30th.

I'd rather
be merry and not

JULY. wise than neither
one nor t'other.
Dickens.

1st.

2nd.

3rd.

4th.

5th.

6th.



It is a little difficult to know what to do with
your hands, even in your pockets, when there is
nothing else there.

Jerome K. Jerome.

7th.

8th.

9th.

10th.

11th.

12th.

13th.

14th.

15th.

16th.

A good man is a man who is good to us, and
a bad man is a man who doesn't do what we want
him to!

Jerome.

Why cast such cruel dampers

On pretty picnics, and,

against all wishes,

Set the cold ducks

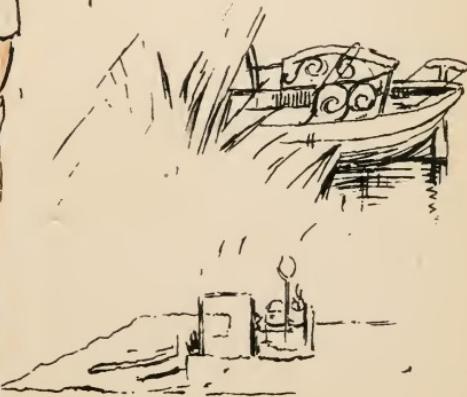
a-swimming—

in the dampers,

And volunteer,

unasked, to wash

the dishes!



In buying horses and taking a wife, shut your
eyes and commend yourself to Heaven.

Old Proverb

17th.

18th.

19th.

20th.

21st.

22nd.

23rd.

24th.

25th.

26th.

27th.



Hot July brings cooling showers,
Tête-à-têtes in rosy bowers,
Tulips, four lips under noses,
Also rabies ere it closes.



28th.

29th.



30th.

31st.

The weather is
like the Government

AUGUST. always
in the wrong.
Jerome.

1st.

2nd.

3rd.

4th.

5th.

In August, Love's young dream is sweet:
They hear the sound of fairy feet
Elysian voices whisper clear—
"Good gracious! here's my mother, dear!"



The three W's is my maxim: plenty of work,
plenty of wittles, and plenty of wages.
Thackeray.

7th.

8th.

9th.

10th.

11th.

12th.

13th.

14th.

15th.

16th.

17th.

All is vanity, and everybody's vain. Women are
terribly vain. So are men—more so, if possible.
Jerome.

Although he had much wit,
He was very shy of using it,
As being loth to wear it out,
And therefore bore it not about.
Hudibras.

18th.

19th.

20th.

21st.

22nd.

23rd.

24th.

25th.

26th.

27th.

How often do large fortunes ruin young men!—
I should like to be ruined.

A. Ward.

Bashfulness is a very pretty thing, but in my mind there is nothing on earth so impudent as an everlasting blush.

Sheridan.

28th.

29th.

30th.

1st.

Hot words
usually

SEPTEMBER.

produce
a coolness.

1st.

2nd

3rd.

4th.

5th.

6th.



Oh, wad some power the giftie gie us
To see ourselves as others see us !
It wad from many a blunder free us,
And foolish notion.

Burns.

7th.

8th.

9th.

10th.

11th.

12th.

13th.

14th.

15th.

16th.

17th.

Waiting for something to turnip (turn up).

18th.



If the weather should be wet,
Out of doors you cannot get;
You may be quite sure of this:
Certainly you'll nothing miss.

Money? Not much:
That ain't my kind;
I ain't no such.

Bret Harte.

19th.



20th.



21st.

22nd.



23rd.



25th.

24th.



26th.



27th.



28th.



29th.

It is wonderful what an insight into domestic economy being really hard up gives one.

Jerome K. Jerome.

30th,



Prithee,
a most

OCTOBER.

excellent
bite!



1st.

2nd.

3rd.

4th.

5th.

6th.

7th.

8th.

9th.

I really think it
very hard
thus to be cheated
of my pheasant;



Whatever the future brings
I'm now
disgusted with
the present.



You rayther want somebody to look arter you,
when your judgment goes out a-wisitin'.

Sam Weller.

10th.

11th.

12th.

13th.

14th.

15th.

16th.

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18th.

19th.

20th.

Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure
nineteen and six—result, happiness.
David Copperfield.

21st.

22nd.

23rd.

24th.

25th.

26th.

27th.

28th.



29th.

30th.

31st.

The yellow
leaves and sere
Eve's piteous
doom recall;

NOVEMBER.

For this is the Fall
of the year,
And that was the
year of the Fall.
Anon.

1st.



2nd.



3rd.



4th.



5th.

6th.

7th.

8th.

9th.

10th.

Most accidents can be avoided by presence of
mind and absence of body.

Bret Harte.

I can enjoy feeling melancholy, and there is a good deal of satisfaction about being thoroughly miserable.

Jerome.

11th.

Gene Rutherford 1866
Andrew Mc Davis 1853. 12th.

13th.

14th.

15th.

16th.

17th.

18th.

19th.

Wm. Davis Jr. 1880

20th.

What's the use of a caddie without the tee?

We two ha'e run aboot the braes
In weather wet and fine,
And we've wandered many a weary foot
Sin' Auld Lang Sine.



When your opinion's not wanted, and you're
not spoke to, don't you give an opinion, and don't
you speak.

Barnaby Rudge.

21st.

Lorenée Benjamin . 188

23rd.

22nd.

24th.

25th.

26th.

27th.



28th.

29th.

3 th.

Hark forward there
and tally ho,
Now noble sportsmen
hunting go,

Come awful croppers, too, indeed ;
And then a "brush" is what they need.

Sing hey ho!
for the mistletoe,
there's ne'er a
plant so sweet,

DECEMBER.

Unless it be
the tulips (two-lips)
which oft beneath
it meet.

1st.



2nd.

3rd.

4th.

5th.

6th.

7th.

8th.

9th.

10th.

11th.

A man is known by the company he keeps. If
you don't believe it, ask his best girl.

B. Wood.

Here is some solid food for thought,
I heard it at ~~the~~ a recent ball:
'Tis better to be ~~left~~ kissed and caught,
Than never to ~~left~~ be kissed at all.

Ganett.



Women are born lawyers. They never speak more positively than when they know themselves to be in the wrong.

12th.

13th.

14th.

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16th.

17th.

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19th.

20th.

21st.

22nd.

Be kind to thy wife, if a wife thou hast,
And, to make the season pleasant,
Speak not to her of the Christmas past:
Let her joy in a Christmas *present.*
G. P. H.

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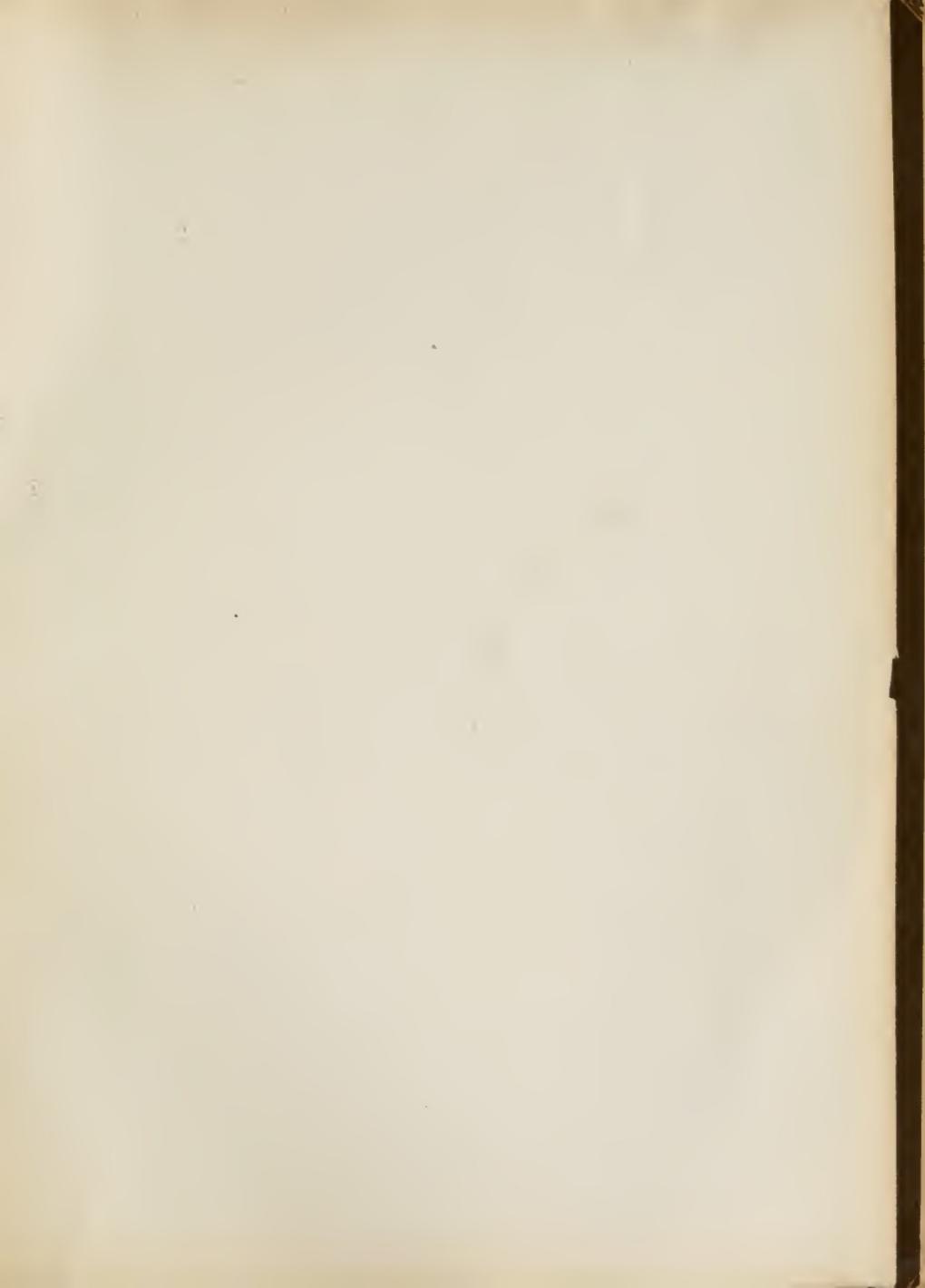
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The proof of the pudding's in the eating.





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